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Pastor's Salary -----	\$2,172.00
Janitor -----	180.00
Choir -----	120.00
Heat and Light -----	185.00
Taxes -----	158.30
Insurance -----	75.00
Vacation Supply -----	50.00

The budget items have been carefully considered for approval and support. Please plan to be present, with morning. Dr. Murdock McLeod, able speaker and about the Church. The canvassers will be dedicated pray and rejoice in the service of our Lord and His

Plan also to be at home during the afternoon gladly explain matters in further detail, if you so desire. At this particular time, the canvassers will be prepared

We count, with pleasure and gratitude, on your work of our Community Church.

Very cordially yours

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CHRISTIAN JOY.

Rom. 15:24 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace.

INTRO. The depression complex obsesses our minds.
The care line's in so many faces.

The natural desire for joy and happiness.
Sought in various ways.

Travel, sports and pleasures

"All is vanity and vexation of spirit.

Nehemiah, "The joy of the Lord is my strength."

Text: Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace."

What is Christian Joy?

Not mere happiness. More than pleasure.

An abiding possession that grows sweeter
and more precious as the yrs go by,

no matter what our sorrow, toil or service

It is serenity of soul, creating an unspeakable
delight in the inner being.

I. the joy of forgiveness.

Sin destroys joy. It kills goodness. No person unreconciled to God can have ~~no~~ real abiding joy in his life. He is out of tune, he is a discordant note in the world and he knows it. One who has no love for God or respect for His will and law, who does not trust in God or does not believe in His salvation, cannot taste the sweets of heavenly joy. Why, forgiveness itself brings joy. And so, Xns, with the sense of forgiveness experience an ecstasy of joy.

Dr. Jowett's telling of a Mr. Shields descending into ~~a mine~~ Robinson of Shields
a mine to talk to a certain miner at work. At the bottom of the shaft he asked a man where he could find his party. Oh, you will find him alrite; he is one of those blessed Methodists and is always singing."

"I've reached the land of corn and wine,
And all its riches freely mine,
Here shines undimmed one perfect day
For all my night has passed away."

Ingraves puts a song in its soul

II. The joy of perfect peace.

"The peace of God that passeth understanding" comes to those who have been forgiven, those who are in tune with the infinite.

The world's peace cannot satisfy. Only the peace which X gives is adequate and ~~and~~ lasting. "My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth." What a joy comes to a man when he hears the Prince of Peace say, "Go in peace, thy sins are forgiven thee!"

The indwelling X brings peace. Nor do we have to wait until we die to experience the joy of it. In the midst of the world's turmoil we can have peace of mind and soul.

A wild storm raging around a prairie home one nite. Father absent. In the house was mother, grandmother, and three children. Barred the doors and huddled together in the fear that the house might be lifted from its foundation. Little Walter, who had been talking to his grandmother, was suddenly found missing. The frantic mother seareehd the hose over, finally finding the child upstairs in his own bed tight asleep. When asked why he did it, he replied, "Cause grandma told me that God would take care uf us and so I thot I might as well go to bed again."

III. Christian joy is strengthened thru sorrow.

Paradoxical as it may seem, Xn joy is made sweeter and more wonderful when it has passed thru suffering and sorrow. "I must suffer", says X, "and enter into my glory".

Paul's rejoicing in tribulations and persecutions, and sorrows.

"All that sat in the council looking on Steven saw his face as it had been the face of an angel!"

A shining radiance in every saint's countenance.

The boy being burned at the stake at

Smithfield in the cruel days of Mary Tudor.

"Pray for me", pleaded the boy. "I would as soon pray for a dog as for a heretic like thee."

"Then, Son of God, shine upon me".

3. Just then the clouds which darkened the sky parted and the sun shone thru, to the wonderment of all who witnessed it.

IV. The joy of Service.

We are told to serve the Lord with gladness. The trouble is with many Xns that they serve so niggardly and neglectfully that they do not get the blessing. Whole-hearted service makes the Xn glad. The more he does the happier he becomes. Early Xns used symbols, partly to conceal their actions and identity, and partly because of their significance.

The most popular representation of X thus given symbolically and secretly, was the fish. "Come ye after me and I will make you fishers of men.: The happiest cobbler in the world was Carey who cobbled shoes to make money with which to spread Xty in all the world. *In him given a nobler purpose to all our activities*

V.

V. The joy of a Xn's hope.

A present joy. On the steamer, Eturia, coming from Liverpool to America, a group of men were adjusting their watches for the last time. A N.Y. physician pulled out his watch and said, "See, I have N.Y. time, ~~When asked~~ I have never changed it." When asked why, he replied, "So I could follow and children all thru the day. I could tell when they arose and breakfasted, when the children went to school and returned."

"For this is peace—to lose the lone note
Of self in love's celestial-ordered strain;
And this is joy—to find oneself again,
In him whose harmonies forever float
Through all the spheres of song, below, above—
For God is music, even as God is love."